

WILMINGTON, N. C.
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1872.

STATE NEWS.

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No prisoners in Beaufort county jail since the 26th inst.

There was a grand time at the opening of the County House, in Weldon, on last Thursday night.

In Granville county, tobacco pays better than cotton. Two boys made \$2,400 worth of tobacco last season.

The Right Rev. Bishop Atkinson administered the right of confirmation at Tarboro Sunday last, to four persons.

Dr. McDonald, of Washington, N. C., took a large number of colored women the other day nine feet in length.

There are 900 defendants in criminal cases to come before the United States Circuit Court which convenes in Raleigh next month.

Charlotte has had a first-class sensation in the shape of the mark of an infant child at the hands of its mother, a colored girl named Eliza Davidson, about 10 years old.

John Mills, colored, convicted of the murder of a white woman, named Hall, was sentenced to the State Prison on Tuesday.

The Williamston and Tarboro Railroad has been declared bankrupt. A meeting of creditors will be held in Elizabeth city on the 21st, for the appointment of assignees, etc.

The Salisbury Enquirer says: A little son of Mr. W. F. Gales, while attempting to put up a sign at the store of Mr. J. A. Brown, was so painfully hurt on Thursday morning, he was standing on a ladder and fell back on a chair sitting near.

The Senatorial Convention composed of delegates from C. J. Jones and O. S. Jones, of the 1st district, and J. G. Scott, of Onslow, for Senator.

The Convention was harmonious and enjoyable throughout.

Mr. Scott is an able lawyer, and has represented his county in the House and Senate, and we predict that Carteret and Jones will be elected to the Senate.

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ODE TO THE STATE OF THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT IN OAKDALE CEMETERY.

Dedicated to the Ladies' Memorial Association of Wilmington, N. C.

BY GEN. R. E. COLSTON.

[This Ode was delivered at the Anniversary of the Third Regiment Association on the 1st inst. in reply to the second regular session.]

"OUR DEAD!"

Some of them dropped by the wayside, Some of them fell in the skirmish, Some of them in battle raged hot, Some of them died in the hospital, Not father nor mother were there To mourn the falling soldier.

With blessings and with prayer, Weeping and with sighs, Wearing their lives away, Dying in captivity, Hoping, yet all in vain, Hoping to break the prison bars, Hoping to see their loved ones again, Yearning for wives and children, Yearning to be released.

Long to be with broken spirit, Long to be at rest!

Erect upon a granite base, He looks towards the glowing West; How stern and his noble face, How watchful—tho' he stands at rest.

He seems to scan with steadfast gaze, The foe's darkening line of blue; Does he perceive across the haze, The glancing bayonets flashing through?

One hand with every clench'd nerve, Grips hard the gun or which he bends; The other hangs in graceful curve, Which rounds the shrewd fingers' ends.

Behold!—no carpet-knight is he, His many grace is Nature's own; In every feature may we see, The light that's caught from battle alone.

His garments rough are old and worn, Hard upon his cheek the sun's hot rays; That belt and cartridge-box were borne In a manly victory and retreat.

Upon this soldier's stalwart form, No stars, no bars to mark his grade, And on his modest uniform, Not even an humble worsted braid.

He's but a private!—All unknown, He gives his strength, his blood, his life, To the good cause, and in the same, Unheeded in the deadly strife.

—What flag, what State his fealty claim? —"O. S." upon his helmet's plate, —"N. C." upon his cap, proclaim The soldier of the "Old North State!"

—Oh, who stands here? Whose image this? Instinct with life tho' cast in bronze? The type, so true, so vivid is, That every heart at once responds.

"I ought to know, I've seen that face, And I know your love's the love of mine, Tho' now I can't recall the place, Nor who he was, nor what his name."

Yet sure, I know that shape, that head, Like half-forgotten friends they seem; No doubt, 'tis numbered with the dead, But I have seen him—"he no dream."

O triumph of the Sculptor's skill! Which thus could strike the magic chord, And cause the living heart to thrill, And stir once more its "march" hoarse!

This man of bronze, we know right well, We greet his grave, familiar face, And thus, we do confess the spell Of GENIUS—king of time and space.

For in this wondrous work of Art, A form was given by plastic hand To the dead of our heart.

And lo! the great Tides of Southern land, And into its great heart the cry, Forever shall true woman's love, And constant faith which never can die, O soldier of perennial bronze, E'er stand at thy post, till from Death's bonds The comrades loose, on Judgment Day, May rise, to live!

AT LANT.

I shall not forget you. The years may be tenfold for the time, but your memory is ever fresh in my mind.

But vain are their efforts to soften my heart, And the hands of Time are too feeble To guard the grave that is made in my heart.

Your image is ever about me—before me, Your voice floats about me, the voice of the dead, And the voice of your presence, in absence I meet you.

And the voice of the past, in the present I find, I cannot forget you. The years may be tenfold for the time, but your memory is ever fresh in my mind.

The bond of your love is the bond of mine, In the midnight of sorrow I vainly have striven To close my heart, but the sweet image hid, In the heart of the past, in the present I find.

To banish the beautiful dreams that are thronging, The thoughts of my memory—dreams were they, For the one drop withheld, I am thirsting and pining, For the one joy denied me, I'm pining in pain.

I would not forget you. I live to remember The beautiful hours that bloomed but to die, And brighter than June grows the bluest of dew, When peopled with ghosts of the dreams passed away.

Once living you truly, I love you forever, But the love in my heart, left for the past, Pass on, or another pass in, first or last.

PERILS OF THE RAZOR.

A MAN WHO WILL NEVER SHAVE AGAIN.

A worthy citizen of Evansville, Md., undertook to trim his beard with a safety razor, and a slip of the scissors spoiled the cut. He trimmed a little more, and still more, but it would look lopsided; so he went to bed, and in the morning he found the first time in twelve years. He was very busy, and the business detained him in his office until a late hour of the night, when he went to bed, and found that his beard had grown to a length of six inches.

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